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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002 (paper #8), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

NOTE: 1. With respect to objection of Claims 44 -47 we have redone them to be dependent on claim 43 instead of claim 42.

NOTE: 2. With respect to objection of claims 15-30 and 38 -47 we have made reference in both the amended claims and the remarks.

5 NOTE: 3. With respect to Both Laursen and Bodner, reference to these is given in the remarks. It is to be noted that there must be some overlap because of the nature of computer systems and computer software, but taken in the context of this application, the invention is both novel and innovative and cannot be inferred from other prior art.

10 NOTE: 4. We are returning the new document along with a marked up version so you can easily determine the differences.